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1. General MA Chan-shan [Commander of the Sungari River Command] is at present receiving monthly about 1,000,000 NEC from the President's Northeast Headquarters. In order to carry out the organization of the command given him MA requested 800,000,000 NEC of the Central Government. This sum was approved and should have been paid to MA from the Northeast Headquarters; however, there is not sufficient money there to pay the request in onelump sum and MA, who has assumed a stubborn attitude, indicates there will be no further organization until the entire amount is given him.

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2. General MA is manager of the China Planning Corporation Limited (?) and a member of the Northeast Industrial Promotion Committee (?). Presumably MA has to carry on some enterprise which will supplement the income granted him by Northeast Headquarters.)

3. General MA, besides being over 70 years old, is an opium smoker and is inclined to neglect his business affairs which he leaves in the hands of his good friend TS'AI Yun-sheng (蔡運升), former Minister of Economic Affairs from Manchukuo who served in the Heilungchiang provincial government with MA.

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4. The three cavalry units [to be formed by MA;] will be organized as follows:
a. 1st cavalry unit under Lt. General CHANG Tung-k'ai (張東勳), Councillor in the NECC, will have four divisions of 3,000 men each to be recruited from the Peace Preservation units of Northern Liaoning.
b. 2nd cavalry unit, under Lt. General WANG Chao-k'un (王兆堃), Councillor in the NECC, will consist of four divisions of 3,000 men each to be recruited from the ranks of underground workers (presumably the troops mentioned in paragraphs 6-9).
c. 3rd cavalry unit under LI Tzu-chung (李自忠). The name taken by LI Shou-hsin (李守信) when he returned to the Nationalists.) This unit will be made up of LI's former troops.

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In addition to the three cavalry units there will be an infantry division of three brigades of 2,500 men each. There will be a signal unit attached to this division. Weapons and uniforms for these troops are non-existent.

5. The underground troops General MA hopes to command, are, for the most part, former puppet troops who hoped to join regular forces after the surrender (previously reported). Because the Nationalists made no definite move to take them in, and because most of them operated in areas which have come under Communist control, many of the units have gone over to the Communists. General MA is trying to contact these former puppet troops. In radio messages he informs them that they will become part of the regular Nationalist forces if they return. General MA does have some influence among his followers and is causing unrest in certain Communist headquarters (see paragraph 6).

Merchants and refugees from the areas where these former puppet troops operate comment that they are little better than bandits who would fight for whichever side would supply them with food and equipment.)

6. Communist hsien officials of Fulan (unlocated; ? Hulan 126-36, 45-59) and Acheng (126-57, 45-33) have had to seek refuge in Harbin to escape the attacks of troops of the "Nationalist Underground Army."
7. In early June 1947, WANG Lien-ying (王連英) of the Hankang Police Office in Harbin established liaison with some of MA Chan-shan's former subordinates to formulate a plan whereby the men (of the underground army) will be organized to further disturb Communist controlling agencies.
8. On 1 June 1947, representatives of the Underground Cavalry Column, 6th Route Salvation Army and leaders of the Sungchiang Command met in Harbin to draw up plans for an attack on Harbin and Shuangcheng (126-18, 45-23).
9. Irregular units of the "Nationalist Underground Army" are active in the following Communist-controlled areas:
- Along the banks of the Sungari River in the vicinity of Chaoshou (125-06, 45-31) and Talai (124-17, 45-28), there is a force of 6,000 men from the Hsu Chien Cavalry Column and a part of the 6th Route Salvation Army.
 - A part of the Northeast Volunteers Army, about 3,000 men, are active in the hsien of Hulan (?), Payen (巴彦), Lanhsi (126-16, 46-16), and Chinghsiang (126-06, 46-42).
 - The 1st Column of about 4,000 men affiliated with the Sungari District Directors Section is active in the hsien of Weiho (128-19, 45-59), Chuho (127-56, 45-15), and Kingan (129-28, 44-21).
 - In the Pinhsien (127-30, 45-45), Hulan (128-08, 45-47) and Tunghsing (127-51, 46-22) areas there are 1,000 men of the 1st Detachment affiliated with the Sungari District Directors Section.
 - A part of the Volunteer Salvation Army, about 900 men, are conducting operations in the hsien of Lintien (124-55, 47-11), Haho (哈爾濱), and Taikang (124-22, 46-46).
 - The 1st and 2nd Detachments with a total of about 4,000 men who are attached to the Harbin Eastern District Directors Section are active in the areas around Tunghe (128-52, 45-58), Ilan (129-33, 46-19), Tanyuan (127-53, 46-42) and Fangcheng (128-51, 45-50).
 - About 4,000 troops under KOU Chih-cheng are carrying out operations in Juihua (126-58, 46-38), Hailun (126-58, 47-29), and Paichuan (126-17, 47-31), Wangkuai (126-20, 46-50), Peian (126-34, 46-14) and Tetu (126-11, 46-31) areas.
 - Former subordinates of HSIAH Wen-tung (何文東), about 1,000 men, are active in the hsien of Mutanchiang, Yenhsou (126-20, 45-20) and Weino.

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